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WUNC Falls Short on Pipeline Story

WUNC did a story this morning on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. The reporter does a great job of highlighting the agonizing effects of the pipeline on local property owners. Certain environmental concerns are mentioned, too, but not two of the biggest concerns of all:

- that the "natural" gas in the pipeline will come from fracking and
- that many scientists say the leakage and venting of methane from fracked gas operations make gas worse than coal for the climate

The report, which you can [read and listen to here](#), states no less than *three times* that gas is cleaner than coal.

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Quick action is needed, as the station may repeat the story this evening or tomorrow.

This would be less disturbing if NC WARN had not spent the last three years educating WUNC reporters and editors on the danger of methane in news releases, meetings and lengthy personal discussion. Indeed, the station [reported](#) on the problem last May. If editors at WUNC understood the methane problem then, why have they reverted to Duke Energy talking points since that time?

The fracking gas industry allows large amounts of methane to vent and leak into the atmosphere because there is little pressure for them to capture it. It is no wonder the public is not putting pressure on industry. The public rarely hears of the threat because the media are not reporting it.

WUNC has many excellent journalists whom we count on for unbiased reporting on many issues. Ask them why they are missing the boat so badly when it comes to fracked gas, its disastrous effect on the climate and Duke Energy's role in driving the market for fracked gas.

Now in its 30th year, NC WARN's mission urgency is to induce Charlotte-based Duke Energy – one of the world's largest corporate utilities – to make a strong shift to clean, affordable energy in order to stem

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